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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF PO BU (MOUSEV, ANTON ANGELOV)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS: ANTON ANGELOV MOUSEV  
AKA MOUSSEV

1. ANTON ANGELOV MOUSEV OR MOUSSEV, BEARER OF BULGARIAN PASS-  
PORT NO. 1354190, BORN JULY 20, 1945 AT DOLNA ORIAHOVIZZA, BULGARIA,  
CHAUFFER, ADDRESS: STA. ANTIM 61, SOFIA, HAS ASKED THIS EMBASSY  
FOR REFUGEE STATUS. HE ENTERED PORTUGAL THREE WEEKS AGO AS A  
PART OF A GROUP OF 75 BULGARIAN TOURISTS EXCHANGING VISIT WITH  
PORTUGUESE. THE BULGARIAN PART OF THE TOUR WAS ORGANIZED BY  
THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN YOUTH GROUP. THE REST OF THE BULGARIANS  
HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO BULGARIA.

2. MOUSEV SAYS THAT HE DID NOT JOIN THE TOUR INTENDING TO  
ABSCOND TO U.S., BUT ONCE IN PORTUGAL, IT STRUCK HIM AS A GOOD  
CHANCE TO CARRY OUT A LONG-TIME PLAN. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE A COUSIN  
IN NEW YORK CITY, MRS. THOMAS MCGONIGLE, 126 WEST 11TH STREET,  
APT 43, WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN. HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED  
THIS PLAN WITH HER. HE ALSO HAS A FRIEND, PETER SEREV, WHO  
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WORKS AT THE GOLD RAIL BAR ON UPPER BROADWAY. MOUSEV SPEAKS NO ENGLISH

RUDIMENTARY GERMAN, NO PORTUGUESE.

3. AN INTERVIEW WITH A CONSULAR OFFICER DISCLOSES THAT MOUSEV HAD NO WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION WHILE HE WAS IN BULGARIA -- IN POINT OF FACT, HIS INCLUSION IN THE TOUR INDICATES THAT HE WAS IN GOOD GRACES WITH THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES THEN -- BUT SINCE HE HAS ALREADY MISSED HIS RETURN FLIGHT, HE IS IN TROUBLE NOW AND WOULD PROBABLY BE PROSECUTED FOR THAT AT LEAST. IT IS THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER'S EVALUATION THAT MOUSEV IS NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THAT HE IS. IT WOULD SEEM, HOWEVER, THAT HIS DESIRE TO GO TO THE U.S. IS THE USUAL THEME OF WANTING A CRACK AT A BETTER LIFE THAT IS COMMON AMONG IMMIGRANTS FROM BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE IRON CURTAIN. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE IS NOW INDEED A DISPLACED PERSON.

4. MOUSEV HAS A LITTLE MONEY TO SUSTAIN HIMSELF HERE IN LISBON FOR A WHILE, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO ALLOW HIM TO DO MUCH TRAVELLING. HIS PASSPORT WAS ISSUED VALID FOR ONLY EIGHT MONTHS AND EXPIRES ON MARCH 2, 1976. IT IS ENDORSED SOLELY FOR TRAVEL TO PORTUGAL.

5. MOUSEV CLAIMS TO HAVE NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES. HE IS SINGLE AND LEAVES A MOTHER AND MARRIED BROTHER AND SISTER IN SOFIA; HIS FATHER IS DEAD.

6. THE APPLICANT IS CLEARLY NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ANY CLASS OF NIV AND CANNOT QUALIFY FOR ANY CLASS OF IV EXCEPT, POSSIBLY, 7TH PREFERENCE. INTER-AGENCY DEFECTOR COMMITTEE INFORMED. MOUSEV DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR DEFECTOR STATUS.

7. THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE IS REQUESTED.  
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